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1. During Marshal Tito's trip to India and Burma, Vice President Edvard Kardelj removed many district Party secretaries and replaced them with pro-Kardelj men. Both Sava Kosanovic, member of the Federal Executive Council, and Spasoje Djakovic, member of the Central Committee of the Federation of Communists of Serbia, have stated that "Kardelj has the support of a majority in the Central Committee to which Tito must bow." Members of the Federation of Communists of Yugoslavia (FCY) who are not on the Central Committee consider that Kardelj successfully maneuvered Aleksandar Rankovic into accompanying Tito on the trip. They do not believe that Kardelj could have made such large changes in the district committees with Rankovic in the country.
2. Kardelj's attempt to speed the establishment of communes has caused personal rivalries among district Party secretaries who are seeking to obtain better production sources for their own communes through their personal backers in the FCY Central Committee. The result has been large scale intrigues, decreased production and increased unemployment. The problem is aggravated because the workers are now free to move to other communes.
3. Because of the economic situation, the FCY is now torn by internal conflicts, confusion, and lack of discipline, necessitating frequent visits by top leaders to various towns and districts to pacify Party members and to re-establish discipline. Voja Lekovic, vice president of the Executive Council of Serbia and a Kardelj follower, stated late in January that at least three months would be needed to restore order in the Party.

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4. Support of Milovan Djilas among the non-Party population and FCY intellectuals has added to the confusion, but is not believed sufficient to alter his personal situation. The people believe that the Western Powers were behind Djilas.
5. The majority of members of the Serbian and FCY Central Committee welcome the moves by the USSR and the Satellites to "normalize" relations. Pro-Cominform feeling is strongest among officers (generally up to majors) and Party members who lack formal qualifications for their present positions. The Cominformists are not presently dangerous to the regime since they feel that the "normalization" policy is leading the country back to pre-1948 relations with the USSR.

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